

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Data storage and retrieval methods are described in which data is stored in records within a docubase, and desired records are identified and/or selected by searching index files which map search criteria into appropriate records. Each index file includes a header with header entries and a body with
5 body entries. Each header entry comprises a header-to-body pointer which points to a location in the body of the same index file which is the starting point of the body entries related to the header-to-body pointer pointing thereto. The body entries in turn comprise body-to-record-pointers which point to the records within the docubase satisfying the search criteria. Alternatively, the body entries may comprise body-to-body pointers which point to body entries in a second index file, which in turn point to the
10 records within the docubase satisfying the search criteria. The records are stored in HTML format.